

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

MONTANA SENATE
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Place: Capitol


Time: 10:00 A.M.
Room: 422

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SR 68 - Be Adopted
SR 69 - Be Adopted
SR 70 - Be Adopted

Comments:



SEN. John Brenden, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

DATE: 4-23-13

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN, CHAIRMAN	✓	
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN	✓	
SENATOR DEBBY BARRETT	✓	
SENATOR TOM FACEY		Excused
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER	✓	
SENATOR BRAD HAMLETT	✓	
SENATOR LARRY JENT	✓	
SENATOR JIM PETERSON		Excused
SENATOR FRED THOMAS	✓	
SENATOR KENDALL VAN DYK	✓	



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Fish and Game** recommend that **Senate Resolution 68** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted**.

Signed: _____

John C. Brenden
Senator John Brenden, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 6, No 3

Fiscal Note Required ____

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Fish and Game** recommend that **Senate Resolution 69** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted**.

Signed: _____

John C. Brenden
Senator John Brenden, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 8, No 1

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Fish and Game** recommend that **Senate Resolution 70** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted**.

Signed: _____

John C. Brenden
Senator John Brenden, Chair

- END -

Committee Vote:

Yes 6, No 3

Fiscal Note Required ☐

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call Vote
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

DATE 4-23-13 BILL NO SR 68 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: _____

DP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR		✓	
SENATOR DEBBY BARRETT		✓	
SENATOR TOM FACEY	✓		
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER	✓		
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT	✓		
SENATOR LARRY JENT	✓		
SENATOR JIM PETERSON	✓		
SENATOR FRED THOMAS	<hr/>		
SENATOR KENDALL VAN DYK	✓		
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN, CHAIR		✓	

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call Vote
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

DATE 4-23-13 BILL NO SR 69 MOTION NO. _____
MOTION: _____

DP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR		✓	
SENATOR DEBBY BARRETT	✓		
SENATOR TOM FACEY	✓		
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER	✓		
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT	✓		
SENATOR LARRY JENT	✓		
SENATOR JIM PETERSON	✓		
SENATOR FRED THOMAS			
SENATOR KENDALL VAN DYK	✓		
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN, CHAIR	✓		

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Roll Call Vote
FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

DATE 4-23-13 BILL NO SR70 MOTION NO. _____
 MOTION: DP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NO</u>	If Proxy Vote, check here & include signed Proxy Form with minutes
SENATOR RICK RIPLEY, VICE CHAIR		✓	
SENATOR DEBBY BARRETT		✓	
SENATOR TOM FACEY	✓		
SENATOR JENNIFER FIELDER	✓		
SENATOR BRADLEY MAXON HAMLETT	✓		
SENATOR LARRY JENT	✓		
SENATOR JIM PETERSON	✓		
SENATOR FRED THOMAS			
SENATOR KENDALL VAN DYK	✓		
SENATOR JOHN BRENDEN, CHAIR		✓	

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MONTANA STATE SENATE
Visitors Register
SENATE FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Executive Action

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Please leave prepared testimony with Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

**ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS**

Re: Confirmation of FWP Commissioners – SR 68, 69, and 70

My name is Dale Gilbert – I am from Ulm, MT

I decided to get involved with the FWP Commission appointment process after the past 3 years of seeing numerous issues and resulting problems as a result of past actions by the FWP Commission and seeing the FWP Department end up with a “black eye” in many cases as a result which is sad.

So, as a result I had asked for and gotten the resumes of all the applicants for all Districts and reviewed them wanting to see the best candidates selected who would do a good job representing the people of Montana and do the right things to preserve and protect the states resources. Wanting to see members that would not have a political or personal agenda to promote being appointed.

I had previously sent you the testimony I had planned to provide last week since I could not be here – I hope that you all got it and reviewed it.

Monday, I listened to the audio coverage of the April 18th hearings.

I found it interesting that Mr. Tourtlotte was the only one who apparently is actively engaged in hunting and fishing. At least we might have one individual who has a passion for hunting and fishing and as a result should be informed, interested and experienced as required by the MCA....and hopefully do a good job representing the sportsmen of Montana.

It was a little disappointing to hear that Mr. Stuker has not hunted since he was a sophomore in college or fished in the past 40 years. I guess even though he may not have kept up with the many of the current FWP issues, he is willing to learn. He does have experience with a livestock operation which is a requirement of at least one member. It is good that he has participated in the block management program and I would expect that he will do a good job representing the private landowners.

And, I was impressed by Mr. Wetsit, yet I have a very difficult time accepting and understanding the logic of appointing someone who is not actively engaged in hunting or fishing off the reservation -- saying it had been a couple of years since he had a state license and probably 6-8 years since having a state hunting license? The points he made about developing a partnership between the state and the tribes is good – I am just not sure the FWP Commission is the proper venue for that. I do believe it would be worth revising the statute to allow the appointment of a tribal advisor but not to replace the District representative who would represent the other public and private lands and sportsmen in that area. Maybe I don't understand, but I don't believe the FWP has any jurisdiction over the reservation lands so it is hard to see the logic in having someone on the commission representing the tribes 2 million acres when those lands and the wildlife are not subject to the FWP rules and regulations. His only other landowner interest that I could find, other than as a tribal member, is a residence in Wolf Point – according to the Montana Cadastral system.

There were other applicants from this District who are actively involved with hunting and fishing that are probably much more informed, interested and experienced based on their resume. His recommendation and appointment appears to be purely political and I can not support that.